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Microsoft should not be allowed to get by with just a slap on the wrist, and that is exactly what their proposed settlement would be allowing. The proposed settlement would allow Microsoft to extend their Monopoly into markets as of yet unaffected by their business practices.

Any judgments against Microsoft should be a punishment not a bolster to the company. The proposed \$200 million that Microsoft says it is liable for is nowhere near \$18.9 billion suggested by plaintiff economist. If this is to be a monetary settlement it should be closer to the billions not the millions.

Microsoft's attempt to mask a settlement that is in their best interest behind a veil of charity, lends more evidence to the accusations that brought them to court in the first place. If a donation is to be made to these schools as punishment, that is fine, but it should be a cash settlement and an amount that more reflects the net worth of a company as big as Microsoft.

It is my opinion that Microsoft should have to set up an \$18.9 billion fund for under privileged schools. This fund would provide money to those schools that need it, and those schools would be allowed to use the funds the way that those schools deem fit. These under privileged schools need more than just technology. They especially don't need the outdated Pentium computers running Windows 98 that Microsoft was suggesting. Microsoft was even suggesting that the schools then pay Microsoft for the licensing of the software.

To allow Microsoft to get a way with a lenient settlement would be a crime against the United States consumers, as well as those consumers affected world wide.

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